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SUBJECT: SELA MINISTERIAL APRIL 3-5 PROPOSED AGENDA

1. THE SELA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL WILL CONVENE ITS IV
ORDINARY SESSION APRIL 3 IN CARACAS. THE MINISTERIAL WAS
PRECEDED BY THREE DAYS OF TECHNICAL MEETINGS WHICH APPROVED

THE AGENDA OF THE MINISTERIAL AND DISCUSSED TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SELA'S WORK. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED AGENDA AS APPROVED BY THE TECHNICAL MEETING WHICH FINISHED ITS WORK IN SUBSTANCE MARCH 31.

2. PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT MACHINERY BE ESTABLISHED TO INSURE COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION AMONG SELA MEMBERS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF GENERAL INTEREST. ACCORDING TO SECRETARY GENERAL MONCAYO, SELA HAS ALREADY HAD EXPERIENCE IN FORMULATING LATIN AMERICAN JOINT POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA; HE CITES AS ONE EXAMPLE THE MEETINGS SPONSORED BY SELA FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF SELA MEMBER STATES DURING UN MEETINGS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED ADOPTION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. MONCAYO WOULD LIKE TO TSEE THIS SERVICE INSTITUTIONALIZED BY THE SELA MINISTERIAL.

3. IN ADDITION, THE MINISTERIAL IS SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SELA AND THE CANADIAN FOREIGN AID AGENCY CIDA. FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT, SEE 77 CARACAS 9137.

4. THE MINISTERIAL WILL REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF ACTION COMMITTEES, INCLUDING:

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- FOODGRAINS ACTION COMMITTEE

- MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS ACTION COMMITTEE

-FERTILIZER ACTION COMMITTEE

-ARTISIAN PRODUCTS ACTION COMMITTEE

- HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE

- FOOD ADDITIVES ACTION COMMITTEE

THE MEETING WILL ALSO REVIEW PROGRESS TOWARD CREATION OF A NEW ACTION COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A LATIN AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION NETWORK (RITLA). IT WILL STUDY OPTIONS FOR ACTION IN A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL FIELDS, INCLUDING CAPITAL GOODS, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM PRODUCTS, PULP AND PAPER, AND TOURISM. THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL WILL ALSO REVIEW PROPOSALS FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR GREATER COOPERATION IN FINANCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE PROPOSAL

IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- TO ESTABLISH METHODS OF PAYMENT WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE ABILITY OF MEMBER STATES TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO THE POPULATIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES.
- TO STIMULATE THE CREATION OF RECIPROCAL CREDITS BETWEEN MEMBER STATE CENTRAL BANKS.
- TO "CONCENTRATE" A PORTION OF LATIN AMERICAN RESERVES.
- TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL PAYMENTS MECHANISM.
- TO ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES IN INVESTMENT OF EXCESS RESERVES.
- TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATING LOANS AND BOND ISSUANCES AND PURCHASES BY MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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6 THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SELA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SELA HAS BEEN GIVEN THE SUPPORT OF SOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PAST. IT HAS CONCLUDED A CONVENTION ON TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UNDEP, CALLING FOR UNDP SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME ACTION COMMITTEES AND FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION, SELA HAS ESTABLISHED LINKS WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES SUCH AS ECLA, FAO, UNIDO AND UNCTAD.

7. FINALLY, THE MINISTERIAL WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSED 1978 SELA BUDGET.

8. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON RESULTS OF MINISTERIAL MEETING AT A LATER DATE.
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